

Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005



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Function or Conservation District Mission

- The function of the district is to set high standards for conservation of soil, water and related natural resources and encourage cooperation among landowners, government agencies, private organizations and elected officials, through education, technical support and financial assistance.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- A total of 113 cooperators ask for and received technical assistance resulting in 8 new EQIP contracts making the total active contracts 67.
- Four of the 319 funded projects were sediment basins preventing an estimated 94.6 tons of sediment from reaching Bissel Creek and the Lower Payette River.
- 1997 acres of Wildlife Habitat were installed, and signed two new WHIP contracts.



Conservation District Priority # 1 – Water Quality

- Implementing BMP's with the assistance of 319 funds in the amount of \$200,000 of the \$270,000 and have applied for Phase II.
- Educating cooperators on the benefits of the No-Till Drill tillage.
- EQIP this year has eight contracts funded for \$243, 420 in cost share covering 464 acres.

Conservation District Priority #2 – Animal Waste Management

- Three systems have been installed for animal waste management, one large dairy, one large animal feeding operation and one smaller feeding operation, included with projects will be a full Nutrient Management plan.

Conservation District Priority # 3 – District Operations

- Accepts the responsibility to reserve a locally administered voluntary approach for control and abatement of agricultural non-point source pollution to protect and enhance the quality and value of water resources.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Annually the district observes Arbor Day by handing out 480 two-year old seedlings to the area third graders and educating them to the importance of planting trees.
- The annual tour this year was a virtual tour of project through out the district, with a PowerPoint Presentation, giving the participants the opportunity to see more.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- A Bio-assessment of Bissel Creek was done in May with Five people walking 3.8 miles, assessing 10 individual reaches using Stream Visual Assessment Protocol (SVAP) & Streambank Erosion Condition Inventory (SECI). Then a landowner meeting took place to everyone in the effected watershed to discuss results.
- The draft of the implementation plan for Bissel Creek was a direct accomplishment of the Bio-assessment.
- Participation in the Lower Payette WAG and provided technical as well as clerical assistance.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
County	District Operations	\$ 5,000.00
State	District Operations	\$ 11,448.00
USDA Farm Bill Programs	Conservation	\$243,420.00
EPA/DEQ 319	Non-Point Source Pollution/Water Quality	\$270,000.00
WQPA	Water Quality	\$ 62,000.00
Total		\$591,868.00

Idaho Conservation Districts assisting landowners & operators with their conservation choices

